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SUBJ: SR-71 FLIGHTS

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SUMMARY: FONOFF ASKED WHETHER USG HAS ISSUED DENIAL
OR ANY OTHER STATEMENT IN RESPONSE DRV ALLEGATION THAT
SR-71 OVERFLIGHTS OCCURRED OVER NVN, INCLUDING
HANOI AND HAIPHONG, ON NOV 8. ACTION REQUESTED:
GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. FONOFF (TERADA) ASKED EMBASSY TO CHECK INTO ANOTHER
JCP ALLEGATION CONCERNING SR-71 FLIGHTS OVER NORTH
VIETNAM REPORTED IN NOV 10 ISSUE OF JCP ORGAN
"AKAHATA".

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2. ACCORDING TO STORY DATED HANOI, SR-71

FLEW OVER "WIDE AREA OF NVN, INCLUDING HANOI AND HAIPHONG, AT ABOUT 1140 AND 1248 HOURS NOV 8." STORY SAID THAT DRV FONOFF ISSUED STATEMENT IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER TO EFFECT THESE FLIGHTS VIOLATED VIETNAM AGREEMENT AND ARTICLE ONE OF "JUNE 13 JOINT COMMUNIQUE." AKAHATA STORY SAID OBSERVERS IN HANOI BELIEVED THAT SR-71 ALMOST CERTAINLY CAME FROM KADENA, AB, AND IF THIS PROVED TO BE THE CASE, GOJ ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ALLOWING BASE IN JAPAN TO BE USED FOR HOSTILE ACTS AGAINST DRV, EVEN AFTER ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.

3. FONOFF ASKED EMBASSY WHETHER USG HAS ISSUED DENIAL OR UDY OTHER STATEMENT IN RESPONSE REPORTED DRV STATEMENT ON NOV 8 OVERFLIGHTS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE TO RESPOND TO GOJ REQUEST PARA 3 ABOVE. IS PARA 5 REF B ("THE US IS NOT CONDUCTING RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS OVER NORTH VIETNAMESE TERRITORY") STILL VALID? IF NOT, OUR SILENCE ON THIS POINT WILL BE TAKEN BY GOJ AS INDICATION THAT WE ARE CONDUCTING SUCH FLIGHTS. ACCORDINGLY, PLEASE PROVIDE LEGAL RATIONALE UNDER PARIS AGREEMENT FOR CONDUCTING ANY SUCH FLIGHTS. ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CLARIFICATION OF REFERENCE TO ARTICLE ONE OF "JUNE 13 JOINT COMMUNIQUE."
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